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## Election of members of the Committee on Budget and Finance

### Note by the Secretariat

1. The Committee on Budget and Finance was established by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4. The terms of reference of the Committee set out in the annex to the resolution, inter alia, stipulate that the Committee should be composed of 12 members.

2. The distribution of seats among the regional groups for the purpose of the first election was established in paragraph 8 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5 as follows:

- Two seats for the Group of African States;
- Two seats for the Group of Asian States;
- Two seats for the Group of Eastern European States;
- Two seats for the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States;
- Four seats for the Group of Western European and other States.

3. At its 10th meeting, on 21 April 2003, the Assembly of States Parties elected 10 members of the Committee from the Groups of African States, Asian States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and from Western European and other States.

4. At the same meeting, as no nomination from Eastern European States was received, the Assembly decided to defer the election of candidates from those States until its second session. It established the period for the nomination of candidates from Eastern European States to run from 28 April to 21 August 2003 and requested the Secretariat to issue an official note inviting nominations.

5. By the terms of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.16, the Assembly also decided that the two remaining members from Eastern European States should join the work of the Committee upon their election.

6. The procedure for the nomination and election of the members of the Committee was set out by the Assembly of States Parties in its resolution

ICC-ASP/1/Res.5. In accordance with paragraph 6 of that resolution, each nomination shall specify how the candidate fulfils the requirements laid down in paragraph 2 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.4, i.e., to be an expert of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level from a State Party.

7. As required by paragraph 9 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, every effort shall be made to elect the members of the Committee by consensus, on the basis of a recommendation by the Bureau. Under paragraph 10, in the absence of a consensus, the election shall be a matter of substance, and subject to the requirements of article 112, paragraph 7 (a) of the Rome Statute, which provides as follows:

> "7. Each State Party shall have one vote. Every effort shall be made to reach decisions by consensus in the Assembly and in the Bureau. If consensus cannot be reached, except as otherwise provided in the Statute:
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> (a) Decisions on matters of substance must be approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting provided that an absolute majority of States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting".

8. In accordance with paragraph 11 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, the election shall be by secret ballot. However, this requirement may be dispensed with if the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled or in respect of candidates endorsed by the respective regional groups, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote on a given election.

9. Under paragraph 12 of the resolution, the persons elected shall be those candidates who obtained the highest number of votes and a two-thirds majority of States Parties present and voting, provided that an absolute majority of the States Parties constitutes the quorum for voting.

10. As to the cadence of term of office for the members elected, the President of the Assembly shall draw lots for this purpose, as required in paragraph 13 of the resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5. At its 10th meeting, on 21 April 2003, the Assembly decided to defer the drawing of lots until the election of the remaining members.

11. By the closing date, i.e. 21 August 2003, two nominations had been received from the Group of Eastern European States.

12. In accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.5, a list in English alphabetical order of the two persons nominated, with accompanying documents, is contained in the annex to the present note.

## Annex

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## Alphabetical list of candidates (with statements of qualifications)

## Contents

*Name and nationality* *

1. **Sopková, Elena (Slovakia)**
2. **Steinbuka, Inna (Latvia)**

* Also the nominating State unless otherwise indicated.

## 1. Sopková, Elena (Slovakia)

[Original: English]

### Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the note LA/COD/42(e) dated 22 April 2003 has the honour to inform that the Government of Slovakia has decided to nominate Ms. Elena Sopková as a candidate for membership on the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court for a seat allocated to Eastern European States. The statement of qualification as well as the curriculum vitae of Ms. Elena Sopková is attached hereto.

### Statement of qualifications

Ms. Elena Sopková is an expert of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level. The attached curriculum vitae of Ms. Sopková reflects her experience in financial and economic matters as well as the various governmental and international positions she held. Serving for seven years as Director of International Taxation Department, she gained a broad experience in international financial matters and participated in numerous international negotiations. Ms. Sopková is a Slovak national. She is fluent in English and French.

### Curriculum vitae

**Personal data**

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| Family name | : | SOPKOVÁ |
| Given name | : | Elena |
| Date of Birth | : | 27 July 1954 |
| Address | : | Fialkové údolie 34, 811 01 Bratislava, Slovakia |
| E-mail | : | psopko@stonline.sk |

**Personal status**

Married, two children

**Education**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1969-1973 | : | Secondary School of Economy in Bratislava, Slovakia |
| 1973-1978 | : | University of Economy, Faculty of Commerce in Bratislava, Slovakia |
| 2000-2003 | : | Centrum of Special Education, University of Economy in Bratislava, specialization – Appraiser of Economy |

**Special Education Abroad**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-1996 | : | Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brussels – French language |
| 1997- | : | OECD Education Centrum in Vienna – special training for negotiators of Tax Convention |

**Professional Practice**

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|---|---|---|
| 1978-1985 | : | Interhotels Bratislava and Hotel Bôrik, economist |
| 1985-1991 | : | Central Finance Office for Bratislava City – head of Finance Control Department |
| 1991-1992 | : | Audit Company, Ltd., auditor |
| 1992-1993 | : | Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Embassy of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic in Kinshasa, administrative officer |
| 1993-1996 | : | Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Brussels – Department of Commerce and Economy |
| 1996-2002 | : | Ministry of Finance, Director of International Taxation Department |
| 2002- | : | KZT, Inc. Bratislava, Slovakia – Appraiser |

**Languages**

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| French, English | : | fluent |
| German | : | passive |
| Russian | : | passive |
| Slovak | : | native |

## 2. Inna Steinbuka (Latvia)

[Original: English]

### Note verbale

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the note titled "Nomination of candidates for membership of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court", dated 7 November 2002.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia has the honour to advise that the Government of Latvia has decided to present the candidature of Dr. Inna Steinbuka for membership of the Committee on Budget and Finance of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

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### Statement of qualifications

Dr. Steinbuka is an expert of recognized standing and experience in financial matters at the international level. Dr. Steinbuka is a Chair of the Utilities Commission of the Republic of Latvia and has recently served as an Adviser to Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. She has participated in the international projects of the World Bank, OECD, and European Commission. Alongside the professional experience Dr. Steinbuka is a professor and authored a great number of publications in the field of economics and finances. Dr. Steinbuka's qualifications for election as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee is attached to this note.

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Date and place of birth: 8 October 1952, Riga.

**Education**

Dr.habil.oec. Institute of Finance, Moscow, 1991.
Thesis: *Fiscal policy in Latvia: analysis and prospects.*

Dr.oec. (Candidate of Sciences in former USSR, Ph.D. in Western countries), Institute of Economics and Finance, St. Petersburg, 1980.
Thesis: *Analysis and simulation of macroeconomic development (case of Latvia).*

University of Latvia (Faculty of Economics), 1975.

**Professional experience**

Current position: Chair, Public Utilities Commission, Republic of Latvia, 2001.

Adviser to the Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, 1999-2001.

Adviser to the Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Latvia, 1999.

Director, Economic Analysis and Fiscal Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Latvia, 1993-1999.

Head of Research Unit, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Latvia, 1991.

**Membership in international projects**

Partner:

"New Tax System for Latvia in the Transition" (Leader of the project, Prof. Dr. Manfred Rose, Heidelberg University). Ministry of Finance of Germany (1992).

"Monitoring of Selected Industrial Enterprises in the Initial Phase of Transition". World Bank (1992).

"Adjustment and Growth in Eastern Europe" (ACE, 1993); "Governance and Economic Performance in Eastern Europe" (ACE, 1994); Financial Integration Between the European Union and the Transition Economies of Central and Eastern Europe (ACE, 1996). Project Coordinator, Prof. Maxwell J. Fry, United Kingdom.

"Privatization and Employee — Ownership in the Baltic Countries" (ACE, 1993). Project Coordinator, Prof. Niels Mygind, Denmark.

"The Political Economy of New States in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union (ESRC). Project Coordinator, Prof. Paul G. Hare, United Kingdom (1995).

"Economic Integration of the Baltic Countries and Eastern Europe in the World and European Economy". Leader of the Project, Prof. Carl B. Hamilton, Sweden (1995).

"Trade Barriers Existing between Central European Countries and their Impact", Phare Programme. Programme Leader, Prof. Patrick Messerlin, France (1996).

"The Long-term Growth Prospects of the Central and Eastern European Countries in Relation with the Economic and Monetary Union". ECDG II study. Project Leader, Andries Brandsma (1996).

Collaboration in the ILASA's research project "Impediments to Export in Small Transition Economies" (1995).

Consultant for the OECD study, "The Baltic States — Economic Assessment" (1999).

Consultant for the OECD study "Comparison of Developments in Fiscal Policy in the Baltics". Published in "Baltic States — A Regional Economic Assessment". OECD, February 2000.

**Academic experience**

Professor of Macroeconomics, University of Latvia, Department of International Economics and Business.

Institute of Economics, Latvian Academy of Sciences, Fellow, Head of Department, 1975-1991.

Visiting Researcher, Bank of Finland, Unit of Eastern European Department, 1993.

Visiting Researcher, Heidelberg University, School of Econometrics, 1991.

**Languages**

Latvian, English, Russian.

**Honours and awards**

Corresponding Member of the Latvian Academy of Sciences.

**Publications**

Between 1975 and 2001, published more than 60 publications, 5 monographs.

*Recent publications, 1997-2001*

Economic and financial problems of environment protection in Latvia. Chapter in monograph: *Baltic Sea Region Environmental Protection*, University of Götéborg, 1992.

Baltic States survey. Chapter in monograph *The Economic Consequences of Soviet Dizintegration*, editor: J. Williamson, Washington, 1993.

The Baltic's' Ways: Intentions, Scenarios, Prospects. *Review of Economics in Transition. Bank of Finland*. August 1993.

Latvia in transition: first challenges and first results. *Review of Economics in Transition. Bank of Finland*. August 1993.

Industry Policy in transition: the case of Latvia. *Review of Economics in Transition. Bank of Finland*. August 1993.

The way of reforms: first challenges and first results. *Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia, Bulletin* Nr. 1, 1994.

Case study: fiscal reform in Latvia. Chapter in monograph: Seija Lainela, Pekka Sutela *The Baltic Economies in Transition*, Bank of Finland, 1995.

Privatization in Latvia and the role of employee ownership. Chapter in monograph: *Privatization and Financial Participation in the Baltic Countries*, Copenhagen Business School. January 1995. Mid-term results edited by Niels Mygind.

Problems of macroeconomic stabilization and inflation control in Latvia. Chapter in monograph *Baltic Regions and Baltic Links*, ed. by Lars Lundqvist and Lars Olof Persson, NordREFO 1995:2.

Factors and consequences of banking crisis in Latvia (co-authors: Edgars Sniegs, Martins Kazaks). *Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia, Bulletin* Nr. 2, 1995.

Fiscal Adjustment in Latvia under Transition (co-author: Martins Kazaks). *Centre for Economic Reform and Transformation, Discussion Paper* No. 96/1. Heriot-Watt University, Department of Economics, Edinburgh.

Foreign trade in Latvia: on the way to EU membership (co-author: Aleksandra Cirule). *Stockholm Institute of East European Economies, Working Paper* No. 115, October 1996.

Latvia's financial system and foreign investments (co-author: Oleg Jemeljanov). *Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia, Bulletin* No. 2, 1996.

Country Studies: Latvia (co-author: Aleksandra Cirule). Chapter in monograph *Trade Growth in Transition Economies. Export Impediments for Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. by Richard N. Cooper and Janos Gacs. IIASA, 1997, pp. 114-149.

Comment on "The Global and Regional Outlooks in the Baltics", by Piritta Sorsa. Chapter in monograph: *Regionalism and the Global Economy: The Case of Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. by Jan J. Teunissen. FONDAD, The Hague, 1997. pp. 185-188.

Economics of the Baltic States. *The Baltic Review*, 1997, vol. 13, pp. 23-27.

Latvia on the way to European Union. *Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia, Bulletin* No. 2, 1997.

Latvia: human development report. Chapter 1: team member, 1997, UNDP, *Riga* (in Latvian).

Latvia on the Way to the EU: Economic Policy Convergence. In: *Latvia and the European Union* (ed. Barry Lesser), 1999, Dalhousie University, Canada, pp. 49-71.

*Nordic Investments in the Baltic Business Frontier* (co-authors: Harley Johansen, Folke Snickars). Submitted to Lexington Books, under review for publication, 1999.

Middle-term economic strategy in context of the joining the European Union (co-author Remigijs Pocs). *LR Ministry of Finance, LR Ministry of Economy, Bank of Latvia*, 1998, Riga, 167 p.

How close will we have approached Europe in 5 years? *Kapitals* (Riga), 1998, No. 5, p. 44. (in Latvian).

Shady economy and uncollected taxes in Latvia (co-author Ieva Kodolina). *Proc. Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Credit and Tax Politics, coll. 1*, 1998, Riga: University of Latvia, pp. 154-167 (in Latvian).

What threats does the budget '99 of Latvia face? (co-author Inguna Sudraba). *Kapitals* (Riga), 1998, No. 11, pp. 34–36 (in Latvian).

Latvia: human development report. chapter 1: team member. 1998, UNDP, Riga.

R. Zile, I. Steinbuka (editor and co-author), et al. Latvia on the threshold of the 21st century. Economics. Finance. Integration, 1999, Riga, 151 pp. (in Latvian).

Is Latvia's Economy Competitive? *The Baltic Review*, vol. 16, 1999

The Alignments of the Latvian Economy in the Context of European Integration. *Journal of Baltic Studies*, XXXI/2, AABC, 2000, pp. 193-204.

Indicators of the Health of the Financial Sector. Statistika-2000, Latvijas statistiku asociacija, Riga, 2000, pp. 71-75.

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Latvia's Dilemma: Financing Accession Costs while Maintaining Fiscal Constraint. *Transition*, The World Bank/The William Davidson Institute, vol. 12, No. 1, 2001, pp. 5-6.